

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Guide Weekly Update #3: April 15 to April 21, 2018

I'm still Ashley Lambert-Maberly, proud new-ish Sunday walking guide, and I've taken over update duties. I welcome advice, so if you want me to add or subtract something, let me know (at ashley.lm@ubc.ca) and I will take it under advisement!

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14 & 15 April 2018 Saturday and Sunday Sakura Days Japan Fair

From 11:00am to 7:00pm (Saturday) and 11:00am to 5pm (Sunday)

Garden is closed except to ticket holders (members get a discounted rate with membership card). Songs, food, vendors, arts and crafts, and cherry trees actually in blossom.

16 April 2018 Monday: VBGA Annual General Meeting

7:00pm in the Great Hall, so won't impact your guiding experience, but you may want to attend (with valid membership card) as they will be presenting the Volunteer Recognition Awards!

21 April 2018 Saturday: Member Mornings

Won't impact guiding, but you may want to attend. From 8:00am to 10:00am the garden is open to members only--and the first 50 get free coffee!

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ericanotebook.com has been updated with an account of the 5 April Gardener Walk with Guy & Cynthia, including much helpful info about staffing changes and planned bed renos.

National Volunteer Week is April 15-22nd, and Heidi says there are exciting opportunities for us next week (if we log in to our volunteer profile we can see them and register)

HIDDEN BEAUTY



At the western end of the Rhododendron walk, shortly before arriving at the junction with the Canadian Heritage Garden, a handful of Umbrella Leaf (*Diphylleia grayi*) plants. Not exactly hidden, but worth seeing, is a beautiful crop of daffodils stretching from the Bird Garden to across the path. Again on the Rhododendron walk, just west of Gate 2 on your left is a tall Summer Snowflake (*Leucojum aestivum*), good for distinguishing from snowdrops (*Galanthus*) and for demonstrating the failures of common names, given that Summer is sadly still far, far away.